(c) and (d) No such proposal has been received from the State Government.

Projects of Madhya Pradesh under Circuit Development Plan

†2920. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether several projects of Madhya Pradesh under Circuit Development Plan are pending for the approval of Central Government;

(b) if so, the latest position thereof, project-wise; and

(c) by when, these projects are likely to get approval of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central financial assistance on the basis of project proposals prioritized every year in consultation with the State Governments/ UT Administrations including the State of Madhya Pradesh. The project proposals received, complete in all respects, are processed on *inter-se*-priority basis and funds are released, subject to availability under the respective head. Project proposals which are not complete as per guidelines are not taken up for consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Promotion of Rural Tourism

2921. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU. Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated/propose to formulate a policy for promoting "Rural Tourism" in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The creation of infrastructure in Rural

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